

T H E Z E R O H O U R

1973 - 1974

First Show: Sep 3, 1973
Number Shows: 130

Last Show: Jul 26, 1974
Audition Show: none known

Series Description:

Rod Serling started the groundwork for a new radio series called THE ZERO HOUR, which was to have featured Ray Bradbury's story as the opener. Norman Corwin took over the project and it evolved into a suspense radio drama series hosted by Rod Serling. It was produced by StudioHouse, who also produced The Salvation Army program, "Heartbeat Theatre". Don Hill produced the series.

THE ZERO HOUR was produced in 1973 and featured 5-part stories that ran Monday through Friday, until December of 1973. Each part was approximately 30 minutes long (including commercials). The series was sold to Mutual for syndication. The format was changed to single part shows in 1974, running again 5 days a week, from the end of April through July of 1974. One hundred and thirty episodes were produced, counting each 5-part show as 5 episodes.

The shows in circulation are introduced as "THE ZERO HOUR presented by the HOLLYWOOD RADIO THEATER".

Log Comments:

The 5-part series was syndicated by Mutual and the programs were allowed to be aired when convenient. Therefore, broadcast dates vary around the country. This section of the log is listed in Mutual's suggested ordering. Broadcast dates start on the premier date and continue until completion without break. The single-part show broadcast dates were more tightly defined by Mutual. (The above information is from Dick Judge).

Highbridge Audio (see References section) has released a number of the 5-parters and are available in bookstores. Audio quality of their tapes is excellent, however, they use only the first opening and the last closing from the 5 shows.

Chronological Log:

1973 Five-Part Show List

Dates	Num	Title
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Sep 03 thru Sep 07	1-5	"Wife Of The Red-Haired Man"
Sep 10 thru Sep 14	6-10	"Someone's Death"
Sep 17 thru Sep 21	11-15	"The Fourth Of Forever"
Sep 24 thru Sep 28	16-20	"Face Of The Foe"

Oct 02 thru Oct 06	21-25	"The Blessing Way"
Oct 08 thru Oct 12	26-30	"Princess Stakes Murder Case"
Oct 15 thru Oct 19	31-35	"Queen In Danger"
Oct 22 thru Oct 26	36-40	"Desperate Witness"
Oct 29 thru Nov 02	41-45	"If Two Of Them Are Dead"
Nov 05 thru Nov 09	46-50	"But I Wouldn't Want To Die There"
Nov 12 thru Nov 16	51-55	"The Heir Hunters"
Nov 19 thru Nov 23	56-60	"A Die In The Country"
Nov 26 thru Nov 30	61-65	"The Dead Man's Tale"

1974 Single-Part Show List

Date	Num	Title
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Apr 29	66	"Bye-Bye Narco"
Apr 30	67	"Terror In The Night"
May 01	68	"Scream Of The Hawk"
May 02	69	"The Extortionist"
May 03	70	"Price Of Admission"
May 06	71	"Shortage Story"
May 07	72	"Escape To Nowhere"
May 08	73	"Fair's Fair You Know"
May 09	74	"Housecall"
May 10	75	"Violation"
May 13	76	"Arm's Length"
May 14	77	"Some People Die Only Once"
May 15	78	"Reward"
May 16	79	"Villainous Verdict"
May 17	80	"Strange Odyssey Of Sandy Mitchell"
May 20	81	"White Flame Burning Bright"
May 21	82	"Mind Of The Beholder"
May 22	83	"Why Is Ted Marcosi Driving Aunt Sally Insane?"
May 23	84	"There Is A Man In 211"
May 24	85	"Death Is A Puppeteer"
May 27	86	"Doctor Rivington, Presumably"
May 28	87	"Wanted: A Willing Companion"
May 29	88	"Pigs Could Put You In The Pen"
May 30	89	"SkyLab, Are You There?"
May 31	90	"Favor You Can't Refuse"
Jun 03	91	"Death At Half A Length"
Jun 04	92	"Floating Down The River"
Jun 05	93	"Once A Thief"
Jun 06	94	"Other Sins Only Speak, Murder Shrieks Out"
Jun 07	95	"Rehabilitation Of Citizen Fimple"
Jun 10	96	"Bonnie And Clyde Are Alive And Well And Living As Mary And Bill"
Jun 11	97	"Sisters Of Satan"
Jun 12	98	"Mannequin"
Jun 13	99	"Double Date To Destiny"
Jun 14	100	"Clay Pigeons"
Jun 17	101	"Past Is Always Present"
Jun 18	102	"Woman In Black"
Jun 19	103	"Come Light My Fire"
Jun 20	104	"Riders Wanted: Share Expenses"
Jun 21	105	"Death On Canvas"
Jun 24	106	"House That Clemont Built"
Jun 25	107	"Joint Account"

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Jun 26 108 "Tiger Cages"
Jun 27 109 "Violence Takes A Curtain Call"
Jun 28 110 "Children Are Dying"
Jul 01 111 "Bend, Spindle and Mutilate"
Jul 02 112 "Murder Is A Work Of Art"
Jul 03 113 "Edwards Tug And Salvage"
Jul 04 114 "Larceny On The Lake"
Jul 05 115 "Olam"
Jul 08 116 "Corpse Takes A Sleigh Ride"
Jul 09 117 "Marionettes"
Jul 10 118 "Ghose Of The Black Plague"
Jul 11 119 "Trunkful Of Trouble"
Jul 12 120 "Grand Prize"
Jul 15 121 "Welcome Home Denny Shackelford"
Jul 16 122 "Death Of A Genius"
Jul 17 123 "Remember Me"
Jul 18 124 "Lost In Time"
Jul 19 125 "Once Upon A Truck"
Jul 22 126 "Corpse Takes The Stand"
Jul 23 127 "Carnival Of Menace"
Jul 24 128 "Chicago John And The Glitter People"
Jul 25 129 "Smoke Screen"
Jul 26 130 "Holdout"

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Alphabetical Listing:

This list is intended to be used with the chronological list above. Therefore, not all information from the log above is included in this list. Note that the date format is year-month-day.

Title	Num	Dates
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Arm's Length	76	74-05-13
Bend, Spindle and Mutilate	111	74-07-01
Blessing Way, The (part 1)	21	73-10-02
Blessing Way, The (part 2)	22	73-10-02
Blessing Way, The (part 3)	23	73-10-02
Blessing Way, The (part 4)	24	73-10-02
Blessing Way, The (part 5)	25	73-10-02
Bonnie And Clyde Are Alive And Well And Living As Mary And Bill	96	74-06-10
But I Wouldn't Want To Die There (part 1)	46	73-11-05
But I Wouldn't Want To Die There (part 2)	47	73-11-05
But I Wouldn't Want To Die There (part 3)	48	73-11-05
But I Wouldn't Want To Die There (part 4)	49	73-11-05
But I Wouldn't Want To Die There (part 5)	50	73-11-05
Bye-Bye Narco	66	74-04-29
Carnival Of Menace	127	74-07-23
Chicago John And The Glitter People	128	74-07-24
Children Are Dying	110	74-06-28
Clay Pigeons	100	74-06-14
Come Light My Fire	103	74-06-19
Corpse Takes A Sleigh Ride	116	74-07-08
Corpse Takes The Stand	126	74-07-22
Dead Man's Tale, The (part 1)	61	73-11-26
Dead Man's Tale, The (part 2)	62	73-11-26

Dead Man's Tale, The (part 3)	63	73-11-26
Dead Man's Tale, The (part 4)	64	73-11-26
Dead Man's Tale, The (part 5)	65	73-11-26
Death At Half A Length	91	74-06-03
Death Is A Puppeteer	85	74-05-24
Death Of A Genius	122	74-07-16
Death On Canvas	105	74-06-21
Desperate Witness (part 1)	36	73-10-22
Desperate Witness (part 2)	37	73-10-22
Desperate Witness (part 3)	38	73-10-22
Desperate Witness (part 4)	39	73-10-22
Desperate Witness (part 5)	40	73-10-22
Die In The Country, A (part 1)	56	73-11-19
Die In The Country, A (part 2)	57	73-11-19
Die In The Country, A (part 3)	58	73-11-19
Die In The Country, A (part 4)	59	73-11-19
Die In The Country, A (part 5)	60	73-11-19
Doctor Rivington, Presumably	86	74-05-27
Double Date To Destiny	99	74-06-13
Edwards Tug And Salvage	113	74-07-03
Escape To Nowhere	72	74-05-07
Extortionist, The	69	74-05-02
Face Of The Foe (part 1)	16	73-09-24
Face Of The Foe (part 2)	17	73-09-24
Face Of The Foe (part 3)	18	73-09-24
Face Of The Foe (part 4)	19	73-09-24
Face Of The Foe (part 5)	20	73-09-24
Fair's Fair You Know	73	74-05-08
Favor You Can't Refuse	90	74-05-31
Floating Down The River	92	74-06-04
Fourth Of Forever, The (part 1)	11	73-09-17
Fourth Of Forever, The (part 2)	12	73-09-17
Fourth Of Forever, The (part 3)	13	73-09-17
Fourth Of Forever, The (part 4)	14	73-09-17
Fourth Of Forever, The (part 5)	15	73-09-17
Ghose Of The Black Plague	118	74-07-10
Grand Prize	120	74-07-12
Heir Hunters, The (part 1)	51	73-11-12
Heir Hunters, The (part 2)	52	73-11-12
Heir Hunters, The (part 3)	53	73-11-12
Heir Hunters, The (part 4)	54	73-11-12
Heir Hunters, The (part 5)	55	73-11-12
Holdout	130	74-07-26
House That Clemont Built	106	74-06-24
Housecall	74	74-05-09
If Two Of Them Are Dead (part 1)	41	73-10-29
If Two Of Them Are Dead (part 2)	42	73-10-29
If Two Of Them Are Dead (part 3)	43	73-10-29
If Two Of Them Are Dead (part 4)	44	73-10-29
If Two Of Them Are Dead (part 5)	45	73-10-29
Joint Account	107	74-06-25
Larceny On The Lake	114	74-07-04
Lost In Time	124	74-07-18
Mannequin	98	74-06-12
Marionettes	117	74-07-09
Mind Of The Beholder	82	74-05-21
Murder Is A Work Of Art	112	74-07-02

Olam	115	74-07-05
Once A Thief	93	74-06-05
Once Upon A Truck	125	74-07-19
Other Sins Only Speak, Murder Shrieeks Out	94	74-06-06
Past Is Always Present	101	74-06-17
Pigs Could Put You In The Pen	88	74-05-29
Price Of Admission	70	74-05-03
Princess Stakes Murder Case (part 1)	26	73-10-08
Princess Stakes Murder Case (part 2)	27	73-10-08
Princess Stakes Murder Case (part 3)	28	73-10-08
Princess Stakes Murder Case (part 4)	29	73-10-08
Princess Stakes Murder Case (part 5)	30	73-10-08
Queen In Danger (part 1)	31	73-10-15
Queen In Danger (part 2)	32	73-10-15
Queen In Danger (part 3)	33	73-10-15
Queen In Danger (part 4)	34	73-10-15
Queen In Danger (part 5)	35	73-10-15
Rehabilitation Of Citizen Fimple	95	74-06-07
Remember Me	123	74-07-17
Reward	78	74-05-15
Riders Wanted: Share Expenses	104	74-06-20
Scream Of The Hawk	68	74-05-01
Shortage Story	71	74-05-06
Sisters Of Satan	97	74-06-11
SkyLab, Are You There?	89	74-05-30
Smoke Screen	129	74-07-25
Some People Die Only Once	77	74-05-14
Someone's Death (part 1)	6	73-09-10
Someone's Death (part 2)	7	73-09-10
Someone's Death (part 3)	8	73-09-10
Someone's Death (part 4)	9	73-09-10
Someone's Death (part 5)	10	73-09-10
Strange Odyssey Of Sandy Mitchell	80	74-05-17
Terror In The Night	67	74-04-30
There Is A Man In 211	84	74-05-23
Tiger Cages	108	74-06-26
Trunkful Of Trouble	119	74-07-11
Villainous Verdict	79	74-05-16
Violation	75	74-05-10
Violence Takes A Curtain Call	109	74-06-27
Wanted: A Willing Companion	87	74-05-28
Welcome Home Denny Shackelford	121	74-07-15
White Flame Burning Bright	81	74-05-20
Why Is Ted Marcosi Driving Aunt Sally Insane?	83	74-05-22
Wife Of The Red-Haired Man (part 1)	1	73-09-03
Wife Of The Red-Haired Man (part 2)	2	73-09-03
Wife Of The Red-Haired Man (part 3)	3	73-09-03
Wife Of The Red-Haired Man (part 4)	4	73-09-03
Wife Of The Red-Haired Man (part 5)	5	73-09-03
Woman In Black	102	74-06-18

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Other Logs or Books:

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- * HOLLYWOOD RADIO THEATRE ("The Zero Hour") Log, Dick Judge, PO Box 67800, Rochester NY 14617

Reader Feedback:

- * Jim Widner provided the list of single-part shows.
- * Max Schmid supplied corrections.
- * Herb Duniven mentioned that the show is also known HOLLYWOOD RADIO THEATER and supplied a corrected date for "Welcome Home, Denny S".
- * Dick Judge supplied information about show ordering and syndicated broadcasts.

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